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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

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CNO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0042

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT: SABOTAGE EFFORTS IN ASMARA MORE WIDESPREAD THAN AT FIRST  
REALIZED

REF: ASMARA 0039

1. CONGEN HAS NOW LEARNED THAT SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS AT KAGNEW POWER  
PLANT AND ASMARA TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION ON EVENING JAN  
15 ONLY PART OF WIDESPREAD SABOTAGE EFFORT INVOLVING BOMBINGS  
AT AIRPORT AND WATER PLANT AS WELL.

2. AT AIRPORT, TRANSFORMER AT SWITCHING FACILITY WAS DAMAGED AND  
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TOWER TEMPORARILY DEPRIVED OF POWER. OUTAGE OF RELATIVELY SHORT

DURATION BUT DID AFFECT SOME FLIGHTS ON JAN 16, INCLUDING MAAG FLIGHT WHICH DELAYED. ADDITIONALLY, ONE AIRCRAFT REPORTED DAMAGED (TWO BOMBS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO WINGS). NOT CLEAR WHAT TYPE OR AFFILIATION OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED. FIRE ENGINES DID SPEED TO AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATE TIME OF REPORTED INCIDENT. BOMBING EFFORT AT MUNICIPAL WATER PLANT REPORTEDLY UNSUCCESSFUL. IN ANY EVENT, WATER SERVICE UNINTERRUPTED.

3. CITY AND ENVIRONS HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE QUIET FOR LAST WEEK. WITH EVIDENT FAILURE SABOTAGE EFFORT, WE CAN EXPECT ADDITIONAL SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS AND/OR RENEWED HIT AND RUN ATTACKS. SHERRY

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